

Education Fund Outlook for FY 2027

March 17, 2026

Ways and Means modeling scenarios with updated budget data as of February 21, 2026

		a.	b.	c.	d.	e.
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
		Preliminary - BAA	Updated budget data, GL and LTWADM data, Dec. 1 assumptions (Budget data as of 2/21/26)	Applying \$104.9M of one-time GF to uniformly lower property taxes (Budget data as of 2/21/26)	Applying 1/3 of \$104.9M of one-time GF to uniformly lower property taxes, and reserving the remainder (Budget data as of 2/21/26)	Applying half of \$104.9M of one-time GF to uniformly lower property taxes, and reserving the remainder (Budget data as of 2/21/26)
(millions of dollars)						
a	Average Homestead Property Tax Rate ¹	\$1.593	\$1.636	\$1.542	\$1.604	\$1.589
b	Average Tax Rate on Household Income	2.27%	2.39%	2.25%	2.34%	2.32%
c	Uniform Nonhomestead Property Tax Rate ¹	\$1.703	\$1.748	\$1.648	\$1.714	\$1.698
d	Property Yield Per Pupil ¹	\$8,596	\$8,913	\$9,442	\$9,085	\$9,170
e	Income Yield Per Pupil ¹	\$12,172	\$12,191	\$13,027	\$12,448	\$12,576
f	Total Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM)	142,564	141,298	141,298	141,298	141,298
g	Average Percentage Bill Change Compared to Prior Year (HS/Inc/NHS)	Uniform: 1.1%	Uniform: 10.1%	Uniform: 3.8%	Uniform: 8.0%	Uniform: 7.0%
h	Statewide Education Spending Growth	5.5%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
i	Statewide Education Grand List Growth	14.1%	10.4%	10.4%	10.4%	10.4%
j	Statewide Adjustment	72.4%	70.3%	70.3%	70.3%	70.3%
Sources						
1a	Homestead Education Property Tax ²	765.4	837.3	789.1	821.0	813.2
1b	Property Tax Credit	(141.1)	(134.2)	(134.2)	(134.2)	(134.2)
2	Nonhomestead Education Property Tax ²	903.3	999.0	941.8	979.5	970.4
3	Sales & Use Tax	625.0	640.9	640.9	640.9	640.9
4	Purchase & Use Tax - Less than one-third of total (H.933)	50.0	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.9
5	Meals & Rooms Tax - More than one-quarter of total (H.933)	73.6	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0
6	Lottery Transfer	32.0	33.4	33.4	33.4	33.4
7	Medicaid Transfer	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
8	One-time GF transfer	77.8	-	104.9	104.9	104.9
9	Other Sources (Wind & Solar, Fund Interest)	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
10	Total Sources	2,400.0	2,518.1	2,517.6	2,587.3	2,570.3
Appropriations						
11	Education Payment	1,991.1	2,075.4	2,075.4	2,075.4	2,075.4
12	Special Education Aid	270.7	276.7	276.7	276.7	276.7
13	State-Placed Students	17.2	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3
14	Transportation Aid	26.1	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9
15	Technical Education Aid	18.7	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6
16	Small School Support/Merger Support	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
17	Essential Early Education Aid	9.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
18	Flexible Pathways	10.6	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
19	Universal School Meals	17.5	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3
20	English Learners Services	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
21	VSTRS Pension Normal Cost	38.8	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2
23	VSTRS OPEB Normal Cost	22.0	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.2
24	Other Uses (Accounting & Auditing, CMF transfer, Financial Systems)	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
25	Total Uses	2,431.5	2,535.6	2,535.6	2,535.6	2,535.6
Allocation of Revenue						
26	Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	(31.5)	(17.5)	(18.0)	51.7	34.7
27	Prior-year Reversions	13.2	-	-	-	-
28	Transfer (to)/from Stabilization Reserve	(2.5)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.7)
29	Transfer (to)/from Additional Reserves	-	0.0	0.0	(69.9)	(52.5)
30	Transfer (to)/from Unreserved/Unallocated	20.7	21.3	21.7	22.0	21.5
Stabilization Reserve						
31	Prior-year Stabilization Reserve	52.1	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5
32	Current-year Stabilization Reserve	54.5	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3
33	Percent of Prior-year Net Appropriations	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
34	Reserve Target	54.5	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3
Additional Reserve						
35	Tax Rate Offset Reserve	-	-	-	69.9	52.5
Available Funds						
36	Prior-year Unreserved/Unallocated	43.07	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.33
37	Current-year Unreserved/Unallocated	22.33	1.05	0.63	0.31	0.83

Notes: 1) FY 2026 is the first year with the Statewide Adjustment CLA, so FY 2025 property rates and yields are not directly comparable to prior years.
 2) Property tax amounts for FY 2025 and FY 2026 reflect amounts in the year they were collected.
 3) The Outlook assumes a technical correction in the FY 2026 BAA to unreserve the \$13 million of the Tax Rate Offset Reserve within the Education Fund.